of higher quotation items than lower quotation items by the Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to inquire into the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any headway has been made in the investigation of large scale bungling of disposal of quality goods as damaged goods by the Kendriya Bhandar in past;

(e) if so, the outcome of the findings; and

(f) if not, the reasons for the delay and the steps taken to expedite the finalisation of the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). No Sir. The Kendriya Bhandar is a Consumer Co-operative Society whose responsibility is to sell/make available, essential commodities and consumables as per the customers demand. According to the purchase policy approved by the Board of Directors of the Kendriya Bhandar the items sold through different outlets are purchased at competitive rates through the tender system. While accepting the tenders, popular/quality products at higher rates are also approved in addition to the rates quoted by the lowest acceptable offer. The quantum of purchase of any item has to be commensurate with the consumers' demand/sale of that item.

(d) to (f). The enquiry conducted by the Chief Vigilance Officer in the Department of Personnel & Training in the matter of damaged goods in the Kendriya Bhandar has since been completed and the report has been received in this Ministry. Action has been taken on the basis of the recommendations/findings of the Report.

[*Translation*]

**Alleged Charges of Corruption and Irregularities Against Capart**

4881. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the charges of corruption and irregularities levelled against the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART).

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to inquire into the activities of this institution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL). (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The charges of corruption and irregularities levelled against Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) have not been found to have any substance.

[*English*]

**Fish Processing Unit at Jehanabad, Bihar**

4882. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Fish Processing Unit in Jehanabad district of Bihar to utilise the large quantities

of fish and other products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Union Government have approved the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. No proposal has been received in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Capital Investment in Industrial Units in Rajasthan**

4883. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals regarding Capital investment in new industrial units in Rajasthan under consideration of the Union Government;

(b) the percentage of capital investment invested by the Union Government for the industrial units in the State during the year 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(c) whether the Government have received proposals from Government of Rajasthan to set up new industrial units in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P.J. KURIEN): (a) As on 30th June, 1991,172 proposals were pending for the grant of letters of Intent for the setting up of industrial units in the State of Rajasthan.

(b) Statewise percentage of Investment by Central Public Sector Undertakings is available only upto 1989-90. The said percentage for Rajasthan for 1988-89 was 1.44 and for 1989-90, it was 1.51.

(c) and (d). As on 30th June, 1991, 6 proposals received from the Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd. for grant of Letters of Intent for the setting up of industrial units in Rajasthan were pending for consideration. The proposed items of manufacture include tomato paste/concentrate, vanaspati, tool-room products, methanol and Alphas Olephin Sulphonate.

[*Translation*]

**IAS Officers**

4884. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of IAS officers in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the number of IAS officers out of them belonging to the rural and urban background, separately;

(c) whether Government have any special scheme for appointing rural talents on this high prestigious post; and

(d) the number of IAS officers out of them belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The total number of I.A.S. officers in the country is 5334 as on 1.8.1991. The cadre-wise strength is shown in attached statement 'A'

(b) when information about rural & urban background of I.A.S. officer is available